



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 2

W. G. Comstock, Bartley R. Richards, Charles Jamison and Aquila Triplett, millionaire cattle men of Nebraska, who are to serve one year in jail for fencing government lands, have spent a month in making a choice of county jails in the states and have finally decided to become inmates of the Adams county jail. The convicts will have a Japanese chef, who will do their cooking. They have ordered expensive furniture and carpets sent to the jail. In addition they purchased a well-selected library. The windows of their cells have been hung with expensive lace curtains. The floors are carpeted, and in a general way the cells have the appearance of well-appointed clubrooms. In 1876 several men who had defrauded the United States by running illicit stills were sent to jail in St. Louis. They were allowed to occupy the corridors and to have almost as good time as the individuals named above.

"By his marriage with Princess Clementine of Belgium, Prince Napoleon," says The Paris Figaro, "becomes the cousin of all the princes of Europe except those of the Serbian royal house. Among them he will have the King of England, the German emperor, the czar, the kings of Bulgaria, Norway, Belgium and Spain; the crown prince of Roumania, the grand duke of Hesse and the crown prince of Sweden. He comes into this noble relationship through his wife and her father, the late King Leopold. By the maternal grandmother of the princess he becomes the cousin of the duke of Orleans and of all the princes and princesses of the former royal house of France. The late queen of Belgium was an Austrian archduchess and through this he becomes related to the Habsburgs. Before his marriage he was the cousin of the king of Italy, the king of Portugal and the princes of Montenegro."

"If the international Sunday school lesson committee keeps on eliminating the things which the Presbyterian Church stands for, there will not be enough gospel left in the Sunday school lessons to save the gizzard of a mosquito." This was the opinion expressed by Rev. R. F. Sulzer at the last session of the Presbyterian missionaries on Sunday school work in St. Paul, Minn., yesterday. He was attacking what he termed "the Sunday school lesson trust." It was noticed a few months ago that the most interesting and what to many is one of the most important chapters in the New Testament was skipped by the editors of the international lessons.

The League of Politeness has been formed in Berlin. It aims at inculcating better manners among the people of Berlin. It was founded upon the initiative of Frau Cecil Meyer, who was inspired by an existing organization in Rome. In deference to the parent organization the Berlin league has chosen the Italian motto, "Pro gentilezza." These words will be emblazoned upon an attractive little medal worn where Germans are accustomed to wear the insignia of orders. The idea is that a glance at the "talisman" will annihilate any inclination to indulge in bad temper or discourteous language. Any polite person is eligible for membership.

This doleful toll of the hunting season are coming in. The hunting season of 1910, which closed yesterday, according to a dispatch from Chicago, cost 113 lives. This is more than ever killed during any previous season of which there is record. The loss of life in 1909 was 87; in 1908, 57; in 1907, 82, and in 1906, 74. The total of injured this season, however, is less than a year ago, only 51 having been hurt this year against 104 for the season of 1909. It is likely the death list this year will be considerably increased later by reason of the fatal termination in the case of many of the injured.

Methodists of the old school were shocked following the advice handed out by delegates to the Federation of Social Service, which ended its sessions in Chicago yesterday recommending that the church support public dance halls, Sunday baseball games, dancing and card playing. Furthermore a minister of Glens Falls, N. Y., believed that pool, billiards and moving picture shows might well be supported. The recommendations were made before an audience of Methodist ministers. A woman of Cleveland spoke in defense of dance halls, saying that the reason the dance halls are so well pat-

ronized is because they afford the only amusement for the young workers of large cities. A minister of Cleveland made a plea for the toleration of Sunday baseball, but he barred professional games because so few play. Amateur baseball, he believed, should be encouraged as a healthy amusement. Billiards, pool, card playing and dancing, it was declared, have in themselves nothing evil, it being when drinking and bad company are added that harm is done. The hymn, "Old-time Religion," will soon be out-of-date.

Persons desiring to celebrate the glad new year with a \$150 funeral, either for themselves or their relatives, will have the opportunity of their lives in a "lottery" announced in Denver by Ira C. Gwin, undertaker and embalmer. Gwin proposes to raffle off one first class burial. Every person visiting the embalmer's "emporium" between now and January 1 are given one black ticket with a number on it. On New Year's day duplicate numbers will be placed in the embalmer's black silk tie, shaken up and one extracted. The winner will be entitled to one bang up funeral "with trimmings." He will not, however, be compelled to expire in order to get the prize, but may transfer it to any of his relatives who may have conveniently died.

A public school without frills, one that will teach boys and girls how to work at some legitimate trade and prepare them to enter the business world as first-class apprentices, able to earn more money than they could selling papers or blacking shoes, has been planned and probably will be opened in Washington next year. Such schools should be encouraged throughout the country. Education that will enable a child to earn his or her living will be more beneficial to them than "frills."

For several Sundays to come an atmosphere of amity as well as of sanctity is expected to pervade Cleveland, Ohio, churches. In order to have a new tabernacle big enough to seat 5,000 people for union revival services to be held early next year, 150 ministers of the city have announced their intention of donning jumpers and doing the carpenter work.

FROM WASHINGTON

The question of including a censure for Gifford Pinchot, former Chief Forester, in the report of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee to Congress was under consideration by the majority members of the committee today. The majority held a brief conference, discussing and reviewing the final report to be framed. The democratic leaders who have reached Washington are already at work preparing to fight for the adoption of the minority report of the committee, made public at St. Paul in October, which scores the secretary and demands his retirement from the cabinet. There is no doubt that the majority report, clearing Ballinger will be accepted by the Senate without trouble.

Not the least of the changes in the Capitol which will be observed by returning senators next Monday is the installation of the marble busts of the last five vice presidents which are being placed in the niches in the south corridor of the Senate. The five whose effigies are being installed are Morton, Hendricks, Holart, Fairbanks and Roosevelt. The Roosevelt likeness wears a crown as if he were waiting for a group of undesirable tourists coming down the corridor. The m's is closed, but it looks as if it might open at any minute.

Secretary to the President, Chas. D. Norton, began an innovation at the White House executive offices today. A long corridor was screened off and in its direction transformed into an additional waiting room for presidential callers. A well-known senator who viewed the new arrangement chuckled and dubbed the new reception room "lame duck alley." It is not really large enough to hold the entire corps of disabled politicians, but is one of Norton's new schemes whereby he hopes to separate the sheep from the goats.

An emphatic denial was registered at the White House today against the story recently given wide circulation that a group of bankers, including J. Pierpont Morgan, had submitted a federal incorporation bill to President Taft. The story was declared to be a fake true and simple.

The comptroller of the currency declared a final dividend of 14 per cent, today to the creditors of the First National Bank of Friendly, West Virginia, making total payments of 89 per cent. This bank, which was wrecked by the cashier, was closed July 25, 1908. The population of California is 2,365,549, as compared with 1,485,053 in 1900. The increase is 892,496, or 60.1 per cent, as compared with an increase for the preceding decade of 276,928, or 22.9 per cent.

What was accepted by many as a death-knell for hopes of the passage of a central bank bill at this session of Congress was sounded in a statement issued by Senator Aldrich today after a meeting of the National Monetary Commission at his office in the Capitol. The statement announces conferences and hearings on currency reform both during and after the session that begins Monday. Many believe that Aldrich will not attempt to make any fight for his central bank idea at this session but that he may introduce a tentative bill, to provoke discussion of the subject.

William R. Porterfield, well known in stock broker circles in this city in the nineties, died a few days ago in Brooklyn of cancer.

that this will be a "big session" for insurgency. Norris is of the opinion that the insurgents this session will concentrate their fight on the method of appointing the committees of the House. His scheme if adopted will make the committees absolutely representative, and will make the House a real representative body. It is probable that the insurgents will get together next week, soon after the session opens, to caucus on plans for the session.

Although his annual message has been completed, President Taft today decided upon a chance in its form and was busy for several hours formulating a sort of appendix to the document. It is the president's idea that some of the information contained in the message, as it was sent out in confidence last night, could be made more forceful if presented as an appendix. With this idea in mind, he has cut half a dozen pages from the message and written into it an additional statement. Now that the message is off his hands, the president expects to devote himself to conferences with representatives and senators. A steady stream of legislators flowed into the executive offices today. The fortification of the Panama canal will have the support of Senator Money, of Mississippi, the minority leader in the Senate. Senator Money regards the attempt to neutralize the canal by treaty as a mistaken idea of economy. He believes that the waterway costing a half billion dollars should be defended and doubts the efficacy of an international agreement to guarantee its neutrality.

Sentence to three years in the penitentiary on his plea of guilty to a charge of embezzling \$3,000, John G. Sims, formerly agent for the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, broke down and cried like a child as he left Criminal Court No. 2 today.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer today issued a statement in explanation of the estimates which he had supplied to Congress for the conduct of the navy establishment in the coming year. The amount estimated for construction of ships is about \$10,000,000 less this year than the sum appropriated last year. On the other hand, the pay of officers and men of the navy and marine corps together with important improvements in public work has increased the estimate \$4,650,000, but the total net reduction in the estimate, as compared with the appropriation for the fiscal year 1911, is about \$5,000,000. The preliminaries of a bitter fight has developed between Secretary Meyer and his enemies upon the congressional committees on naval affairs. The row broke over the estimates for the naval establishment which have just been completed.

Virginia's Population.

[Special Dispatch to the Gazette.]

Washington, Dec. 2.—The population of Virginia is 2,061,612, as compared with 1,854,184 in 1900. The increase is 207,428, or 11.2 per cent, as compared with an increase for the preceding decade of 198,204, or 12 per cent. Virginia gets one additional congressman. The population of the cities and counties in this section are:

Cities.	1910	1900
Alexandria city.	15,329	14,528
Fredericksburg.	5,574	5,098
Staunton.	10,934	7,289
Counties.		
Alexandria.	10,291	6,430
Clarke.	7,408	7,927
Culpeper.	13,472	14,129
Fairfax.	29,836	19,589
Fauquier.	22,526	23,371
King George.	6,378	6,918
Loudoun.	21,107	21,948
Louis.	16,575	16,567
Orange.	13,486	12,571
Page.	14,147	13,794
Prince William.	12,038	11,112
Rappahannock.	5,044	5,843
Stafford.	8,070	8,037
Warren.	5,289	5,897
Westmoreland.	9,313	9,213

Dream Terribly True.

Mahoney City, Pa., Dec. 2.—A vivid dream two nights before in which her husband met death, came shockingly true to Mrs. Claude Blaine yesterday, when Blaine, an electrician and engineer at the city light plant, met death by the explosion of a ten-inch steam line upon which he was making repairs in a boiler house. The line blew up at a leaky joint where he was repacking it, and his body scalded and he was hurled through a window into the engine room and dashed against the flywheel, then thrown forcibly against the brick wall off the building. His face was crushed in, one hand blown off and his body roasted until the flesh hung from it in shreds.

Rubber Nipple Kills Baby.

Asbury Park, N. J., Dec. 2.—Kenneth Van Note, 2-year-old, of Allenhurst, choked to death in his mother's arms yesterday by a rubber nipple from a nursemaid. His mother frantically endeavored to remove the obstruction. Her screams brought neighbors, but the boy was dead before a physician arrived.

Insane on Train.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 2.—Soon after leaving New York on the Old Point Comfort express last night, a lady passenger, accompanied by a small child, began to show signs of unbalanced mind. After leaving Delmar she became violent. She was taken from the train and removed to Sarah Leigh Hospital for treatment. The woman is unable to give her name, but from informal sources gathered in local moments, she was accompanied to the train by a man named Hildred Edmonds, connected with the Rudder Publishing Company, of New York City.

The Chinese Loan.

Pekin, Dec. 2.—A request that the proposed \$50,000,000 loan now being negotiated by the Imperial government be made an international affair, instead of being confined to bankers in the United States was made today to the Chinese government today by Willard D. Straight. He has just returned from the United States where he conferred with J. P. Morgan and Company; Kuhn Loeb & Company; the National City Bank and the First National Bank of New York City. These financiers had proposed taking the whole loan, but a hitch has arisen according to Straight, if the loan is made international, it is scope it can be easier floated and better safeguarded.

Mr. Pembroke D. Gwaltney, sr., the "peanut king," was married at Suffolk to Miss Mattie Womble yesterday.

The English Parliamentary Campaign.

London, Dec. 2.—The parliamentary campaign now drawing to a close has reached a most unusual degree of vituperation and slander. Politicians agree that England has not experienced so bitter a campaign in the present generation.

Accusations of treason, theft and lying are made in nearly every political speech, and it is expected that the conclusion of the campaign will be marked by scores of slander suits.

In seventy constituencies in England tomorrow members of the new parliament will be elected, and in all political circles today it is conceded that the result of tomorrow's voting will be a splendid indication of the final outcome of the battle between the conservatives and the liberals—the lords and the commons.

With the important issues that are at stake, there is an unexplained apathy prevalent among the voters and paid canvassers are today raking the country to reach the indifferent voters and secure their pledges.

More than 200 of the nominations for constituencies have been made and the final issues joined. Leader A. J. Balfour, of the unionists, and Joseph Chamberlain have been nominated without opposition and are thus assured of their seats.

Seven Hundred Druses Slain.

Constantinople, Dec. 2.—Seven hundred Druses have been slain in a battle with Turkish troops at Hauran, Syria, south of Damascus, according to dispatches received here today. Despite the heavy slaughter, the main body of the Druses, estimated to number 10,000, is still holding out and another fierce encounter is expected.

The present conflict is believed to be another of the long chapter of outrages growing out of religious hatred that the Turks have perpetrated on the Mohammedan faith centuries ago. Almost invariably the Turks have been the aggressors in these fights, and although details of the present trouble are lacking, it is presumed that the Turks are forcing the fighting. The Druses are reported entrenched in a mountain fastness that will make their dislodgment a difficult matter.

Death of Judge Dill.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 2.—Judge James Brooks Dill, often referred to as "The father of trusts," died at his home here today. He was for many years the most prominent corporation lawyer in New Jersey and helped frame the articles of incorporation of many of the big combinations organized under the protection of the state laws. His income is estimated at \$300,000 a year.

In 1905 he was persuaded to accept a place on the bench and became fully as noted a jurist as he was a corporation lawyer. He was about to resume private law practice, having resigned from the bench, when taken with an attack of heart disease some weeks ago. The corporations that Judge Dill personally organized while practicing in this state, had a total capital exceeding \$793,000,000.

Body Shipped to New York.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 2.—The body of Mrs. Jeannette Brown, the pretty 23 year old suicide, who was dragged from the bottom of the reservoir late yesterday afternoon, was shipped to her home No. 444 Essex street, New York, this morning. The finding of the body ends a five day search for the woman, who was the wife of a local merchant, and who disappeared Monday after having, it is said, laid well defined plans for her end.

It is said Brown, in order to marry Mrs. Brown, represented himself as president of a large tobacco concern, when in fact he conducted only a small establishment.

Marvelous Escape.

Paris, Dec. 2.—Two men today fell 600 feet in an aeroplane and escaped serious injury. Lorian, the aviator, with M. Fayas, a passenger, was just beginning a flight to Brussels and return, when the accident occurred. The aeroplane was circling over the aviation field at Ixay, when the engine stopped and the aeroplane plunged, with great speed, to the earth. Spectators rushed away, expecting the two men to be crushed to death. When they heard the aeroplane strike the ground with a resounding crash and splinter to pieces, they turned to see the two aviators rise out of the wreckage, almost uninjured.

M. Lorian was entered in the competition for the quickest round trip flight with a passenger between Paris and Brussels for which a prize of \$20,000 has been offered.

Wife's Love Worth \$50.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 2.—A jury in Common Pleas Court yesterday afternoon decided the suit of Hymna Ehrhart against L. S. Bear, a former village grocer, for alienation of affections. The case attracted great attention, for the parties are prominent. Ehrhart expressed a heavy verdict, but, to his surprise, the jury decided that when he lost his wife's affections he lost only \$50. Bear will pay that amount and the costs in the suit.

Brutal Attack on Wife.

New York, Dec. 2.—Charged with attacking his wife shortly after she became the mother of his tenth child, Michael Macatus, a tailor, was held today without bail in the Manhattan Avenue Police Court. The woman is dying in the Eastern District Hospital and the new born infant, a girl, will hardly survive the shock of the fiendish attack.

The seven of the other nine children of the Macatus family are alive. They were being cared for by neighbors. Enraged at the birth of the tenth, Macatus seized his wife by the hair and dragged her through the entire flat kicking her at every turn.

Macatus fought like a wild animal when the neighbors tried to rescue the woman. A dozen men finally hurled him down the steps and stoned him as he fled.

Macatus resisted arrest and was unmercifully clubbed into submission. Announcement was made by Postmaster General Hitchcock yesterday of the appointment of James J. Britt, of North Carolina, to be third assistant postmaster general, vice A. L. Lawshe, who resigned that office some time ago.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mrs. Rowena Dixon, for many years a resident of Warrenton, died at her home near there Wednesday. She was a member of the Ashton family.

Captain Newton S. Haselwood, chief clerk in the office of the auditor of the Norfolk and Western Railway, was found dead in his home in Roanoke yesterday.

Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant this week to citizens of this state of the following patents: F. Dillard, Richmond, addressing stamp; W. T. Grady, Orange, filing apparatus.

Gen. J. Floyd, King of Washington, and Miss Lillian P. Filler, daughter of the late Col. A. T. Filler, of Lovettsville, Loudoun county, were quietly married at "Linden," the bride's home, near Lorettsville, at noon yesterday.

Rev. Dr. F. L. Edwards, of the Virginia Methodist conference, died Wednesday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Freeman, at Stony Creek. Dr. Edwards was 88 years old.

Mrs. Catherine Wilcox Burke, wife of the late Newman Burke, died in Washington yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Burke was born in Fairfax county where she lived until going to Washington, seventeen years ago. Her father, Capt. Wilcox, owned much land in Fairfax at one time.

THE METHODISTS.

From the discussion which took place in the executive session of the joint commission on Methodist federation in Baltimore yesterday afternoon in First Methodist Episcopal Church it seems that the organic union of the three great branches of Methodism is as far apart as ever.

The papers were read in the public session in the morning would lead a layman to believe that union was not only desirable, but even easy to accomplish. Putting the theories into practice is apparently the difficulty that confronts the commission.

It was evidently realized that the churches are still wide apart in their views, and that the discussion might become acrimonious, for the secret session was halted long enough to clear the church of all outsiders.

TO DISCUSS DEBT CASE.

It understood in Washington that Governor Glascock, of West Virginia, has asked an interview with President Taft for tomorrow to discuss the Virginia debt case and that such a conference has been agreed upon.

No one there seems to know what feature of the case the West Virginia governor desires to discuss with the president, but it is surmised that in a general way the conference may have a bearing on the new appointment that is to be made to the bench at an early date to fill a vacancy now existing. The case was recently assigned for hearing in January.

FAVORS SUNDAY AMUSEMENTS.

Delegates gathered in Chicago for the Methodist National Conference for Social Service were told Wednesday by one of their number that Sunday baseball and motion pictures, long under the ban of the Methodist Church, were all right, should have the official sanction, should be patronized eagerly instead of shunned.

Dr. Edward A. Peterson, of Goodrich, Va., Cleveland, O., was the advocate of Sunday amusements and his paper on "The Place of Recreation in the Modern City," brought forth considerable opposition. Dr. Peterson said:

"I believe laws against Sunday games for the people are bad and should be repealed. They are really dead letters in most places and a constructive policy should be adopted for recreation on workingman's day. It is good and wise legislation which forbids work on Sunday, for that is the only way we can assure its being observed. But where we forbid play we make Sunday a day of idleness for most young people. Of course, we must insist on observance of church services. I do not object to his majesty the devil to find idle hands. Our Sunday laws are a survival of Puritan days and have ceased to fit because all positive features have been discarded."

Dr. Peterson did not include professional baseball in his list of approved pastimes, because "only a few play while many sit idly," and "because it is one big gamble."

"Motion pictures," he added, "have opportunity for evil, I will admit, but we are overlooking the great opportunity for good inherent in them. They are the poor man's entertainment."

Floods in France.

Paris, Dec. 2.—A dispatch to Intergovernmental from Orange says that the enormous crop of wheat, thirteen miles northwest of Orange, has been completely inundated as the result of the breaking of the dike of the Loire river. The population of 2,000 is reported to be in peril and soldiers have been rushed to rescue them. Flood conditions are again general throughout France.

Bank Robbed.

Franklin, Ga., Dec. 2.—Burglars entered the Board Company Bank here early today, blew the safe and opened the vault, escaping with \$11,500. A posse is making a search but no trace of the robbers has been found. The loss was covered by burglar insurance.

Collision.

New York, Dec. 2.—The hospital ship Solace of the North Atlantic squadron, while passing out of the lower bay today was in collision with the Barge Charles F. Fritchard of Philadelphia which was being towed by the tug Patience. Dr. Gilbert, who was in command of the Solace, reported the mishap by wireless to the Brooklyn navy yard. He said that the paint on the Solace's bow and on the barge were somewhat scraped and that everything was all right and the Solace then proceeded on her way to Guantanamo via Bermuda.

The wholesale price of beef continues to drop, in New York while retail prices remained about stationary.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

King George, it is said in London, will announce his decision as arbitrator in the Alsop claims dispute between the United States and Chili within a month.

Porfirio Diaz was inaugurated in the City of Mexico yesterday president of Mexico. It marked the beginning of his eighth term. At the ceremonies the American ambassador, Henry L. Wilson, acted as dean of the diplomatic corps in presenting the congratulations of the representatives from the various foreign powers, including the United States. The usual display was absent.

Mayor Mahool, of Baltimore, declined to abide by a resolution of the Federation of Labor, presented to him by a committee, urging him to dismiss the School Board and Superintendent Van Sickle. The mayor told the committee that he had outlined a plan, such as is directed by the charter, and proposed to follow it.

An international wedding occurred yesterday in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Washington, when Miss Eleanor Terry, daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Silas Terry, and Lieut. Filippo Camperio, of the Italian navy, connected until recently with the Italian Embassy, were married by the rector, Rev. C. Ernest Smith.

President Taft yesterday completed his message and sent it to the government printing office in its final form. The message was laid before the cabinet at a special session which began at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and lasted until nearly 3 in the afternoon. The message is said to be an unusually long one, the estimates running from 30,000 to 40,000 words.

Final settlement of the strike among express company employees, which tied up the express business of the big transcontinental companies in New York for several weeks recently, was effected yesterday, when a meeting of the drivers and helpers voted to accept the terms offered by their employers. The new agreement establishes the open shop.

A committee, presided over by Francisco Oviedo, representing the Evangelical Protestant Church in Spain, presented to Comde Romanones yesterday a petition signed by 150,000 Spaniards. The petition calls upon the Cortes to re-establish absolute religious freedom instead of mere tolerance now existing for other denominations than the official Catholic church.

Gus Banick, homesteader, who lived near Davidson, in Perkins county, S. D., is dead from a bullet wound through his left lung and Arthur W. Lowry, a neighboring homesteader, is under arrest charged with the murder. Miss Lizzie Walrath, who also lived on a neighboring claim, had been receiving the attentions of Lowry until recently, when she told him that Banick was her accepted suitor. A bullet fired through the door of Banick's shack killed him, and it is alleged that Lowry fired the shot.

Eloping from Washington while attending school at the Mount Vernon Seminary, in that city, Miss Blanche Malone, daughter of one of the richest families in West Virginia, married Al Sanders, her mother's chauffeur, a month ago, and until yesterday the news of the wedding was kept secret. Miss Malone's father, the late Leo L. Malone, was general manager of the Consolidated Coal Company, of Fairmont, W. Va., and from him she inherited a large fortune in her own right.

Bull Attacks a House.

Burlington, N. J., Dec. 2.—After breaking away from a farmhand, who was taking the animal to an abattoir, a big bull made an attack upon the home of Mrs. Edward Rex during the absence of the family yesterday, and nearly wrecked the house before it was recaptured. Mrs. Rex returned to find a crowd in front of her home. "There's a bull in there, bustin' your house to smithereens!" yelled a youngster, and the noise verified it.

Mrs. Rex and neighbors, who entered by the front door, were almost smothered by gas. They found the bull had wedged itself between two doors leading into the narrow kitchen. A boy volunteered to climb through a window and pry open the door, so that men from a gas company could get in and turn off the flow of gas. The bull was then dragged out, taking a part of the wall with it. The kitchen was a sad sight. The gas range had been knocked over, and this had caused the gas to escape. The whole rear of the house looked as though a bombshell had struck it.

Information reached Columbus, O., today that John P. McLean, of Washington, would today formally announce himself a candidate for United States Senator from Ohio. McLean has made Washington his home for many years and has not voted in Ohio for nine years. He is the owner of the Cincinnati Enquirer and the Washington Post. His wealth is variously estimated from \$25,000,000 to \$40,000,000. He is 62 years old.

Wandering on the Stand.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 2.—Joseph Wendling, charged with the murder of 9-year-old Alma Kellner, today resumed the witness stand in his own defense. He denied any knowledge of the murder of the girl, and said he got the blood on his clothes when he shot him, and that the blood on the knife came when his brother-in-law used it to trim a horse's hoof.

Collision at Sea.

New York, Dec. 2.—The United Wireless station today picked up the following message from the steamship Solace:

"The Solace collided with barge Charles F. Fritchard, of Philadelphia, tug Patience, of New York, damaged, but no serious injuries. Ship at hand in hands of yard pilot."

The message did not give the location of the vessels at the time of the accident, or tell when it occurred. The Solace mentioned is believed to be a large, ocean going tug.

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